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State unemployment down. The unemployment rate for Tennessee fell to 5.8 percent during August; down from the previous month's 6.8 percent. The number of unemployed decreased by 20,600 while the number of employed rose by 6,700. The unemployment rate for August, 1978 was 5.3 percent.

U. S. rate shows slight increase. In contrast to the state unemployment rate, the nation experienced an increase during August. The rate rose from July's 5.8 percent to 5.9 percent. The number of employed Americans decreased by 665,000 while the number of unemployed increased by 33,000. Six hundred and thirty-two thousand workers left the labor force during the month.

Tennessee near bottom in average weekly benefit check. The state's average unemployment benefit check during 1978 ranked 49th among the fifty states and the District of Columbia. Tennessee showed $63.68 being paid on average weekly earnings of $188.22. Only Florida and Mississippi ranked lower. In a comparison of benefit checks as a percentage of average weekly earnings, the state fared a little better, ranking 44th with the average check making up 35.0 percent of average weekly earnings.

Claims down. Initial claims for the state showed a substantial decrease during August; dropping from 68,709 in July to 38,816. There were 26,547 initial claims filed during August of last year.

Benefit check reaches a high. The average weekly benefit check for unemployed workers jumped to $70.80 during August. The 3.1 percent increase over the previous month pushed the check to an historical high.

Trust fund highest in 3 1/2 years. The trust fund went up to 281.3 million during August: its highest level since February, 1975. This was a 22.8 million increase over the previous month's figure.

New E & T Council sworn in. The new Tennessee Employment and Training Council was sworn in by Department of Employment Security Commissioner Robert J. Bible at an inaugural banquet held September 24th at the Hyatt Regency in Nashville. The CETA amendments of 1978 established the Council, which will represent local government, business and industry, the significant segments and service deliverers throughout the state.

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STATEWIDE

EMPLOYMENT The state's labor force declined by 13,900 during August to 2,004,100. The number of employed rose slightly (6,700). Within the manufacturing sector the largest gains in employment came in apparel (3,900) and food products (1,200). Transportation equipment lost 800 workers. Among nonmanufacturing groups the largest increase came in state and local government (900), while federal government experienced the largest reduction (2,200).

OVER THE YEAR The civilian labor force, employment and unemployment were all up over last year's figures. The labor force increased by 73,200 (3.8 percent) over August, 1978. Employment gained 59,200 workers (3.2 percent) while unemployed increased by 14,000 (13.7 percent). The manufacturing sector gained 5,900 workers during the last twelve months while nonmanufacturing lost 700 workers. The classification showing greatest annual increase was state and local government (8,800) additional workers. Substantial increase also occurred in services (6,100), and construction (4,900). The greatest yearly losses occurred in the lumber industry (8,400), federal government (5,400) and fabricated metal products (3,400).

UNEMPLOYMENT The unemployment rate for the state dropped to 5.8 percent during August. The decrease from the previous month's 6.8 percent compares favorably with the nation's 5.9 percent unemployed. One year ago the state's unemployment rate was 5.8 percent.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Tennessee production workers received an increase of only 1.2 percent in the average weekly earnings for August going from $217.71 to $220.40 a week. Both the durable and nondurable goods groups increased; the former by $6.03 (2.7 percent) and the latter by $0.26 (0.1 percent). The workweek showed little change going from 39.7 average weekly hours to 40.2 for durable goods and from 39.8 to 39.7 average weekly hours for nondurable goods. The biggest change in durable goods occurred in fabricated metal products, where earnings went up $21.45 a week (9.2 percent) and the workweek increased 1.0 hour to 41.3 average weekly hours. In the nondurable goods category the paper and allied products industry's weekly earnings increased from $279.47 a week to $301.97 (8.1 percent), due to an increase in the average workweek, from 41.9 hours to 43.2 hours in August.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

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	August 1979	July 1979	August 1978	Changes From: July 1979 Net	July 1979 %	August 1978 Net	August 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	2,004.1	2,018.0	1,930.9	-13.9	- 0.7	+73.2	+ 3.8
Employment 1/	1,888.1	1,881.4	1,828.9	+ 6.7	+ 0.4	+59.2	+ 3.2
Unemployment	116.0	136.6	102.0	-20.6	-15.1	+14.0	+13.7
Percent of Labor Force	5.8	6.8	5.3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
U. S. Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8	5.8	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

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	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
All Manufacturing	$220.40	$217.71	$206.92	40.0	39.8	40.1	$5.51	$5.47	$5.16
Durable Goods	229.14	223.11	215.20	40.2	39.7	40.3	5.70	5.62	5.34
Lumber and Wood Prod.	161.05	156.49	148.61	38.9	37.8	38.6	4.14	4.14	3.85
Furniture and Fixtures	172.16	166.55	157.16	38.6	38.2	38.9	4.46	4.36	4.04
Stone, Clay & Glass	286.75	291.20	289.91	41.2	41.9	43.4	6.96	6.95	6.68
Primary Metal Prod.	280.14	286.49	304.83	40.6	41.4	43.3	6.90	6.92	7.04
Fabricated Metal Prod.	253.58	232.13	226.97	41.3	40.3	39.2	6.14	5.76	5.79
Machinery, Exc. Elec.	236.14	223.04	206.74	41.5	39.9	40.3	5.69	5.59	5.13
Instr. & Related Prod.	192.86	181.98	185.32	39.2	37.6	40.2	4.92	4.84	4.61
Nondurable Goods	212.79	212.53	200.00	39.7	39.8	40.0	5.36	5.34	5.00
Food & Kindred Prod.	235.98	233.13	215.78	41.4	40.9	41.1	5.70	5.70	5.25
Textile Mill Prod.	179.55	173.80	169.74	39.9	39.5	41.1	4.50	4.40	4.13
Apparel	152.02	152.02	140.62	38.1	38.1	37.4	3.99	3.99	3.76
Paper & Allied Prod.	301.97	279.47	271.56	43.2	41.9	42.9	6.99	6.67	6.33
Chem. & Allied Prod.	292.73	299.39	280.16	40.1	40.9	41.2	7.30	7.32	6.80
Rubber & Plastic Prod.	238.86	232.67	234.05	40.9	41.4	42.4	5.84	5.62	5.52
Leather and Leather Prod.	170.21	168.17	144.77	39.4	39.2	37.7	4.32	4.29	3.84

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

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	TOTAL Aug. 1979	TOTAL July 1979	DISADVANTAGED Aug. 1979	DISADVANTAGED July 1979	NON-WHITE Aug. 1979	NON-WHITE July 1979	VETERAN Aug. 1979	VETERAN July 1979
New Applications	23,670	25,755	9,962	12,538	6,911	7,929	2,522	2,197
Testing	2,230	1,291	723	417	719	229	244	154
Enrolled in Training	704	623	360	557	[illegible]	194	45	34
Nonagricultural Placement	15,634	16,389	8,923	10,488	6,335	5,646	2,016	1,749
Counseling	3,140	2,304	2,110	1,413	1,077	592	509	386

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

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INDUSTRY	August 1979	July 1979	August 1978	Net Change Jul. 1979 To Aug. 1979	Net Change Aug. 1978 To Aug. 1979
TOTAL	1,720.2	1,715.0	1,713.2	+5.2	+ 7.0
Manufacturing	516.4	510.5	527.1	+5.9	-10.7
Durable Goods	228.6	227.8	237.0	+0.8	- 8.4
Lumber	20.6	20.5	20.1	+0.1	+ 0.5
Furniture & Fixtures	24.7	24.1	25.9	+0.6	- 1.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	16.4	15.8	17.4	+0.6	- 1.0
Primary Metal Industries	18.8	18.5	19.0	+0.3	- 0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	31.0	31.3	34.4	-0.3	- 3.4
Nonelectrical Machinery	34.6	34.2	33.8	+0.4	+ 0.8
Electrical Machinery	41.5	41.7	43.1	-0.2	- 1.6
Transportation Equipment	22.6	23.4	24.9	-0.8	- 2.3
Precision Instr. & Ordnance	6.9	6.9	7.0	0	- 0.1
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11.5	11.4	11.4	+0.1	+ 0.1
Nondurable Goods	287.8	282.7	290.1	+5.1	- 2.3
Food Products	40.5	39.3	40.7	+1.2	- 0.2
Meat Products	8.2	7.9	8.0	+0.3	+ 0.2
Dairy Products	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Tobacco	1.5	1.5	1.2	0	+ 0.3
Textile Mills	26.4	26.7	29.0	-0.3	- 2.6
Knitting Mills	12.8	12.9	14.0	-0.1	- 1.2
Yarn & Thread Mills	1.7	2.0	2.6	-0.3	- 0.9
Apparel	75.4	71.5	74.5	+3.9	+ 0.9
Paper	17.6	17.5	17.7	+0.1	- 0.1
Printing & Publishing	25.0	25.5	24.8	-0.5	+ 0.2
Chemicals	57.5	57.4	57.7	+0.1	- 0.2
Ind. Inorganic & Organic Chem.	22.6	22.6	22.6	0	0
Petroleum Refining, Etc.	.9	.9	.9	0	0
Rubber	22.5	22.4	22.4	+0.1	+ 0.1
Leather	20.5	20.0	21.2	+0.5	- 0.7
Nonmanufacturing	1,203.8	1,204.5	1,186.1	-0.7	+17.7
Mining	11.1	10.5	10.8	+0.6	+ 0.3
Construction	97.4	97.3	92.5	+0.1	+ 4.9
Trans., Comm. & Public Utilities	83.8	84.0	83.5	-0.2	+ 0.3
Trade	368.7	368.5	368.3	+0.2	+ 0.4
Wholesale Trade	104.8	104.9	104.0	-0.1	+ 0.8
Wholesale Durable Goods	62.4	62.5	62.2	-0.1	+ 0.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	42.4	42.4	41.8	0	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	263.9	263.6	264.3	+0.3	- 0.4
Retail General Merchandise	39.7	40.1	40.8	-0.4	- 1.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	76.2	75.9	73.9	+0.3	+ 2.3
Banking	24.9	24.9	24.5	0	+ 0.4
Insurance Carriers	19.1	19.1	18.7	0	+ 0.4
Services	273.6	274.0	267.5	-0.4	+ 6.1
Government	293.0	294.3	289.6	-1.3	+ 3.4
Federal	64.5	66.7	69.9	-2.2	- 5.4
State & Local	228.5	227.6	219.7	+0.9	+ 8.8

CHATTANOOGA SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Chattanooga SMSA increased 700 between mid-July and mid-August. Much of the gain was noted in primary metals (400) from a settlement of a labor dispute and from small recalls and rehires in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing. With the exception of the trade industry, which lost 300 workers, no other industries showed changes greater than 100 over the month. The present level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment stands at 166,600.

OVER THE YEAR Nonagricultural wage and salary employment has subsided for a net loss of 1,200 workers. Industries affected the most were retail trade, fabricated metal products, textile mill products, and contract construction. These are the ones most sensitive to changes in economic conditions in the area. In addition, government employed increased by 900 as federal lost 500 while state and local gained 1,400. A year ago the level of nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 167,800.

UNEMPLOYMENT As of mid-August was 12,100 or 6.3 percent of a labor force of 191,000 as compared with 13,400 or 7.0 percent of a labor force of 191,300 in mid-July and 9,700 or 5.2 percent of a labor force of 185,900 in August 1978.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings of Chattanooga production workers increased $7.29 (3.3 percent) to $228.58 during August. Both the durable and nondurable goods sectors increased. The former by $10.25 (4.3 percent) and the latter by $3.97 (1.9 percent). The largest increase occurred in the fabricated metal industries. More overtime worked at premium pay contributed to an increase of $43.00 (17.1 percent) weekly earnings. The wage rate increased 89 cents while the workweek rose 1 hour. The largest loss incurred was $17.36 (5.3 percent) in the paper and allied products industry. The main reason for this drop was a shorter scheduled workweek decreasing from 48.3 hours to 45.8 hours. The average weekly hours for production workers as a group increased from 39.8 to 40.6.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	August 1979	July 1979	August 1978	Changes From: July 1979 Net	July 1979 %	August 1978 Net	August 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	191.0	191.3	185.9	- .3	- .2	+5.1	+ 2.7
Unemployment	12.1	13.4	9.7	-1.3	-9.7	+2.4	+24.7
Percent of Labor Force	6.3	7.0	5.2	xx	xxx	xxx	xxx
Total Employment	178.9	177.9	176.2	+1.0	+ .6	+2.7	+ 1.5

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Aug. 1979	TOTAL July 1979	DISADVANTAGED Aug. 1979	DISADVANTAGED July 1979	NON-WHITE Aug. 1979	NON-WHITE July 1979	VETERAN Aug. 1979	VETERAN July 1979
New Applications	1,874	2,015	789	876	431	486	257	302
Testing	142	130	52	55	51	45	34	25
Enrolled in Training	86	54	76	50	60	7	5	4
Nonagricultural Placements	845	767	463	488	248	221	169	140
Counseling	297	236	208	148	135	84	43	40

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1979	Average Weekly Earnings July 1979	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1978	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1979	Average Weekly Hours July 1979	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1978	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1979	Average Hourly Earnings July 1979	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1978
All Manufacturing	$228.58	$221.29	$215.13	40.6	39.8	40.9	$5.62	$5.63	$5.26
Durable Goods	248.25	238.00	237.28	40.3	39.8	40.7	6.16	5.98	5.83
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	251.84	255.91	233.92	38.1	37.8	38.6	6.61	6.77	6.06
Iron & Steel Foundries	268.64	257.00	258.93	42.0	40.6	43.3	5.92	6.33	5.98
Fabricated Metal Products	294.47	251.47	262.55	41.3	40.3	39.6	7.13	6.24	6.63
Machinery, Except Elect.	261.60	252.78	239.68	46.3	42.7	42.8	5.65	5.92	5.60
Nondurable Goods	210.53	206.56	195.66	40.8	39.8	41.1	5.16	5.19	4.76
Textile Mill Products	178.00	165.75	170.13	41.3	39.0	41.8	4.31	4.25	4.07
Knitting Mills	148.60	148.22	136.55	38.8	38.2	39.0	3.83	3.88	3.45
Paper and Allied Products	309.15	326.51	281.06	45.8	48.3	47.0	6.75	6.76	5.98
Chemicals and Allied Prod.	301.56	303.84	281.73	42.0	42.2	41.8	7.18	7.20	6.74

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Chattanooga SMSA INDUSTRY	1979 August	1979 July	1978 August	Net Change July '79 to Aug '79	Net Change Aug '78 to Aug '79
TOTAL	166.6	165.9	167.8	+.7	-1.2
Manufacturing	54.3	53.7	55.8	+.6	-1.5
Durable Goods	24.3	23.7	25.3	+.6	-1.0
Lumber (except furniture)	.7	.7	.8	0	-.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.7	2.6	2.5	+.1	+.2
Primary Metals	4.9	4.5	5.0	+.4	-.1
Fabricated Metal Prod.	8.2	8.2	8.8	0	-.6
Machinery (except elec.)	3.5	3.4	3.4	+.1	+.1
All Other	4.3	4.3	4.8	0	-.5
Nondurable Goods	30.0	30.0	30.5	0	-.5
Food Products	4.9	4.8	4.7	+.1	+.2
Textile Mill Products	13.4	13.4	14.0	0	-.6
Knitting Mills	3.0	2.9	3.2	+.1	-.2
Apparel	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	-.1
Paper Products	1.2	1.3	1.2	-.1	0
Printing and Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	+.1
Chemicals	6.0	6.1	6.0	-.1	0
All Other	1.4	1.3	1.5	+.1	-.1
Nonmanufacturing	112.3	112.2	112.0	+.1	+.3
Mining	1.4	1.3	1.4	+.1	0
Construction	7.1	7.1	7.6	0	-.5
Trans., Comm., and Pub. Util.	6.9	6.9	6.8	0	+.1
Trade	30.2	30.5	30.7	-.3	-.5
Wholesale Trade	8.6	8.7	8.3	-.1	+.3
Wholesale Durable Goods	5.5	5.6	5.3	-.1	+.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+.1
Retail Trade	21.6	21.8	22.4	-.2	-.8
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	9.8	9.7	9.4	+.1	+.4
Service	26.1	26.0	26.2	+.1	-.1
Government	30.8	30.7	29.9	+.1	+.9
Federal	9.9	9.9	10.4	0	-.5
State and Local	20.9	20.8	19.5	+.1	+1.4

Includes Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie Counties, Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia.

KNOXVILLE SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural employment dropped 900 between July and August. The manufacturing sector gained 900 as durable goods was unchanged and nondurable goods increased 900 due to the termination of a labor management dispute in the apparel industry which gained 1,000. The nonmanufacturing sector dropped 1,800 with government accounting for most of the loss (1,700) due to the termination of summer youth employment programs. The only gain among nonmanufacturing industries came in construction (100).

OVER THE YEAR The August figure was 1,400 lower than the same month one year ago. Manufacturing remained at the same level while nonmanufacturing absorbed the total loss of workers. The largest gains in manufacturing over the year came in all other durable goods (400) and lumber (300). Machinery (200), all other nondurable goods (200) and food products also registered increases. Apparel (800) accounted for most of the loss among manufacturing industries. Nonmanufacturing lost 1,400 over the year with the largest cutback occurring in government. This was due to the earlier completion of summer youth employment programs in 1979. Gains were recorded in service (400), finance, insurance and real estate (300) and transportation, communication and public utilities (200).

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment totaled 8,600 or 4.1 percent of the labor force of 208,500 in August as compared with 9,700 or 4.6 percent of the labor force of 210,900 in July and 8,600 or 4.2 percent of the labor force of 203,600 in August 1978.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Average weekly earnings of Knoxville production workers decreased $4.54 (1.7 percent) in August. The durable goods sector increased by $1.01 (0.4 percent) whole the nondurable goods sector declined by $8.33 (3.3 percent). The largest change was in the nonelectrical machinery industry where the weekly earnings increased $31.05 (13.6 percent) because of a 5.2 hour longer workweek. A large decrease occurred in the textile mill products industry where weekly earnings decreased $14.94 (or 9.5 percent). This decrease was caused by a 36 percent wage-rate decrease in the industry.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	August 1979	July 1979	August 1978	Changes From: July 1979 Net	July 1979 %	August 1978 Net	August 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	208.5	210.9	203.6	-2.4	-1.1	+4.9	+2.4
Unemployment	8.6	9.7	8.6	-1.1	-11.3	0	0
Percent of Labor Force	4.1	4.6	4.2				
Total Employment	199.9	201.2	195.0	-1.3	0.6	+4.9	+2.5

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
All Manufacturing	$259.77	$264.31	$247.52	40.4	40.6	41.6	$6.43	$6.51	$5.95
Durable Goods	288.01	287.00	268.39	41.5	41.0	42.4	6.94	7.00	6.33
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	260.80	256.31	234.13	40.0	39.8	40.9	6.52	6.44	5.43
Machinery, Ex. Elect.	260.15	229.10	226.81	44.7	39.5	42.1	5.82	5.80	5.38
Nondurable Goods	242.98	251.29	236.32	39.7	40.4	41.1	6.12	6.22	5.75
Food and Kindred Prod.	223.10	225.08	218.09	46.0	46.6	46.7	4.85	4.83	4.67
Textile Mill Prod.	142.88	157.82	162.97	38.1	38.4	43.0	3.75	4.11	3.79
Apparel & Other Tex. Prod.	179.24	193.80	178.03	38.3	40.8	39.3	4.68	4.75	4.53

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

INDUSTRY	AUGUST 1979	JULY 1979	AUGUST 1978	Net Change JULY 1979	Net Change AUGUST 1978
TOTAL	196.0	196.9	197.4	-0.9	-1.4
Manufacturing	53.9	53.0	53.9	+0.9	0
Durable Goods	16.0	16.0	15.3	0	+0.7
Lumber (except furniture)	2.0	2.0	1.7	0	+0.3
Furniture and Fixtures	.5	.6	.7	0	-0.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.0	1.0	1.1	0	-0.1
Machinery (except elec.)	2.5	2.5	2.3	0	+0.2
All Other	9.9	9.9	9.5	0	+0.4
Nondurable Goods	37.9	37.0	38.6	+0.9	-0.7
Food Products	4.6	4.5	4.5	+0.1	+0.1
Textile Mill Products	2.6	2.7	2.8	-0.1	-0.2
Apparel	8.6	7.6	9.4	+1.0	-0.8
Printing and Publishing	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
All Other	20.3	20.4	20.1	-0.1	+0.2
Nonmanufacturing	142.1	143.9	143.5	-1.8	-1.4
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	-0.1
Construction	12.6	12.5	12.9	+0.1	-0.3
Trans., Comm. & Pub. Util.	7.9	7.9	7.7	0	+0.2
Trade	41.5	41.7	41.8	-0.2	-0.3
Wholesale	11.0	11.1	11.1	-0.1	-0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.6	6.7	6.6	-0.1	0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.5	0	-0.1
Retail	30.5	30.6	30.7	-0.1	-0.2
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	8.2	8.2	7.9	0	+0.3
Service	30.7	30.7	30.3	0	+0.4
Government	39.6	41.3	42.2	-1.7	-2.6
Federal	9.0	9.0	9.1	0	-0.1
State & Local	30.6	32.3	32.1	-1.7	-2.5

Includes Anderson, Blount, Knox and Union Counties, Tennessee and all of Oak Ridge.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Aug. 1979	July 1979	DISADVANTAGED Aug. 1979	July 1979	NON-WHITE Aug. 1979	July 1979	VETERAN Aug. 1979	July 1979
New Applications	2,902	3,226	1,609	1,571	725	716	235	240
Testing	198	168	106	81	42	49	32	30
Enrolled in Training	91	107	84	102	44	44	10	14
Nonagricultural Placements	2,894	1,535	1,974	732	1,019	233	266	214
Counseling	230	288	128	152	40	49	39	41

MEMPHIS SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Memphis SMSA was 352,900 in August 1979; a decrease of 800 from July. Both the manufacturing (500) and the nonmanufacturing (300) sectors shared in the loss. Small losses occurred in several industries with the largest decrease occurring in nonelectrical machinery (400). Government employment dropped 300. No industry experienced an increase of over 200.

OVER THE YEAR Compared to August 1978, nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 2,600 higher in August 1979. A large increase in the nonmanufacturing sector was partially offset by losses in the manufacturing sector; most of this loss was due to the permanent closing of three food processing plants.

UNEMPLOYMENT In August 1979, an estimated 20,500 persons were unemployed; this was a decrease of 1,300 from July. The unemployment rate decreased from 5.6 percent of the civilian labor force in July to 5.3 percent in August. Compared to August 1978, the number of unemployed persons was 1,100 lower. The unemployment rate in August 1978 was 5.8 percent of the civilian labor force.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Memphis production workers earned an average of $261.53 a week for the month of August, $4.02 more than the month of July. Earnings of durable goods producers showed a slight decline, dropping from $239.99 a week to $239.54. The average workweek rose from 39.8 to 40.6 hours. The largest decline in durable goods came in the lumber and wood products industry which dropped from $178.79 to $152.80 a week. This was caused by a partial shutdown at an establishment. The nondurable goods sector showed an increase of $8.96 (3.3 percent) a week, rising to $282.49 a week for the month of August. Chemical and allied products manufacturers showed the largest change going from an average of $312.91 a week to $342.37, an increase of $29.46 (9.4 percent). This was partially due to an increase in the workweek from 42.4 weekly hours to 46.9 hours.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	August 1979	July 1979	August 1978	Changes From: July 1979 Net	July 1979 %	August 1978 Net	August 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	386.4	388.1	374.9	-1.7	-0.4	+11.5	+3.1
Unemployment	20.5	21.8	21.6	-1.3	-6.0	- 1.1	-5.1
Percent of Labor Force	5.3	5.6	5.8	-	-	-	-
Total Employment	365.9	366.3	353.3	-0.4	-0.1	+12.6	+3.6

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
All Manufacturing	$261.53	$257.51	$260.49	40.8	39.8	40.9	$6.41	$6.47	$5.88
Durable Goods	239.54	239.99	217.62	40.6	39.8	40.3	5.90	6.03	5.40
Lumber & Wood Prod.	152.80	178.79	164.05	38.2	38.7	38.6	4.00	4.62	4.25
Furniture & Fixtures	159.12	155.83	147.36	39.0	38.1	39.4	4.08	4.09	3.74
Nondurable Goods	282.49	273.53	261.23	41.0	39.7	41.4	6.89	6.89	6.31
Food & Kindred Prod.	271.35	284.49	247.46	40.2	40.7	40.5	6.75	6.99	6.11
Paper & Allied Prod.	288.60	260.95	276.19	41.9	39.3	43.8	6.84	6.64	6.26
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	342.37	312.91	302.85	46.9	42.4	44.8	7.30	7.38	6.76

MONTHLY REPORT ON LABOR TURNOVER RATES

	Accession Rates: Total Aug. 1979	Total July 1979	New Hires Aug. 1979	New Hires July 1979	Separation Rates: Total Aug. 1979	Total July 1979	Quits Aug. 1979	Quits July 1979	Layoffs Aug. 1979	Layoffs July 1979
All Manufacturing	3.3	3.0	2.6	2.3	4.0	3.1	2.3	1.5	0.6	0.8
Durable Goods	4.0	3.6	3.1	2.7	4.3	3.6	2.6	1.8	0.5	0.9
Lumber	6.7	5.0	4.6	4.5	6.7	5.0	5.0	3.0	0.3	0.9
Furniture	7.4	4.1	6.7	2.0	6.7	4.4	3.8	2.3	0.8	*
Nonelectric Machinery	2.0	2.2	2.0	2.2	2.2	1.3	1.5	0.8	0.1	0.3
Nondurable Goods	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.1	3.8	2.8	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.7
Food	2.5	3.0	2.2	2.2	3.6	2.4	1.9	1.0	0.4	1.0
Paper	3.8	2.0	2.9	1.8	3.6	3.0	2.1	1.0	0.7	1.1
Chemicals	2.4	3.2	2.3	2.8	4.1	1.4	3.3	0.9	*	0.2

1/ Preliminary
* Less than 0.1

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	August 1979	July 1979	August 1978	Net Change: July 1979	August 1978
TOTAL	352.9	353.7	350.3	-0.8	+2.6
Manufacturing	62.9	63.4	64.6	-0.5	-1.7
Durable Goods	27.7	28.1	28.2	-0.4	-0.5
Lumber (except furniture)	3.3	3.4	3.4	-0.1	-0.1
Sawmills & Planing Mills	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Furniture and Fixtures	3.7	3.6	3.9	+0.1	-0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	5.2	5.2	5.4	0	-0.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	5.9	6.3	6.2	-0.4	-0.3
Electrical Machinery	2.3	2.3	2.1	0	+0.2
All Other	7.3	7.3	7.2	0	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	35.2	35.3	36.4	-0.1	-1.2
Food Products	9.8	9.9	11.1	-0.1	-1.3
Bakery Products	1.5	1.7	1.8	-0.2	-0.3
Apparel	2.1	1.9	2.2	+0.2	-0.1
Paper Products	6.5	6.5	6.6	0	-0.1
Printing and Publishing	3.7	3.7	3.7	0	0
Chemicals	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+0.1
All Other	6.4	6.6	6.2	-0.2	+0.2
Nonmanufacturing	290.0	290.3	285.7	-0.3	+4.3
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0	0
Construction	14.5	14.3	13.7	+0.2	+0.8
Trans., Comm. and Pub. Util.	26.4	26.5	25.7	-0.1	+0.7
Trade	94.2	94.1	94.4	+0.1	-0.2
Wholesale	31.6	31.5	31.6	+0.1	0
Wholesale Durable Goods	19.6	19.6	19.7	0	-0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	12.0	11.9	11.9	+0.1	+0.1
Retail	62.6	62.6	62.8	0	-0.2
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	19.2	19.4	19.1	-0.2	+0.1
Service	70.7	70.7	68.2	0	+2.5
Government	64.8	65.1	64.4	-0.3	+0.4
Federal	16.6	16.8	17.6	-0.2	-1.0
State & Local	48.2	48.3	46.8	-0.1	+1.4

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties, Tennessee and Crittenden County, Arkansas

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Total Aug. 1979	Total July 1979	Disadvantaged Aug. 1979	Disadvantaged July 1979	Non-White Aug. 1979	Non-White July 1979	Veteran Aug. 1979	Veteran July 1979
New Applications	4,625	4,562	2,784	3,230	3,120	3,490	522	415
Testing	444	91	205	31	437	54	74	6
Enrolled in Training	184	11	174	9	172	9	2	0
Nonagricultural Placement	3,459	2,319	2,777	1,769	3,027	1,974	303	279
Counseling	457	89	307	65	341	74	65	9

NASHVILLE SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased slightly in the Nashville SMSA during August. Increases were recorded in both manufacturing and nonmanufacturing. In durable goods manufacturing four industries recorded gains while the two remaining industries recorded no change. With the exception of the leather industry the situation was reversed in nondurable goods, i.e. every other industry experiencing a loss or no gain. In nonmanufacturing government, trade and construction scored increases while service and miscellaneous lost 400.

OVER THE YEAR Manufacturing employment declined by 1,200 from August '78 to August '79. This was offset by a gain of 4,000 in nonmanufacturing. No very substantial increases occurred among the manufacturing industries for the year. Apparel with 300 new employees, was the biggest gainer. Four manufacturing industries, led by transportation (600) lost 400 or more workers. Within the nonmanufacturing industries trade had the largest increase 1,900, followed by finance, insurance and real estate with 800. The largest diminution occurred in federal government, where a loss of 600 was recorded.

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment declined from 5.5% in July to 4.9% in August. The August '79 figure is higher than the August '78 figure of 4.1%. The labor force declined by 1,500 from July to August; employment increased 900, while the number of unemployed decreased by 2,400. Robertson, Rutherford and Williamson recorded slight increases in their respective unemployment rate. All other SMSA counties' rates declined.

HOURS AND EARNINGS Nashville production workers take home pay averaged $237.01 a week in August, $2.18 less than last month's average, and only 3.6 percent better than a year ago. The average workweek dropped 0.3 hour to 39.9 hours which partially accounted for the lower average earnings. Both durable and nondurable goods decreased in average weekly earnings and average weekly hours. Durable goods dropped from $246.80 a week to $244.99 and the hours decreased 0.1 hours to 39.9 hours a week. Nondurable goods decreased $1.48 a week to an average of $228.40. The largest change in a published industry occurred in printing and publishing where the hourly rate declined $1.42 a week to an average of $264.96.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (in thousands)

	August 1979	July 1979	August 1978	Changes From: July 1979 Net	July 1979 %	August 1978 Net	August 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	409.3	410.8	394.1	- 1.5	- .4	+15.2	+ 3.9
Unemployment	20.2	22.6	16.2	- 2.4	-10.6	+ 4.0	+24.7
Percent of Labor Force	4.9	5.5	4.1	XX	XX	XX	XX
Total Employment	389.1	388.2	377.9	+ .9	+ .2	+11.2	+ 3.0

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Average Weekly Hours Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Average Hourly Earnings Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978
All Manufacturing	$237.01	$239.19	$228.80	39.9	40.2	41.3	$5.94	$5.95	$5.54
Durable Goods	244.99	246.80	243.11	39.9	40.0	41.7	6.14	6.17	5.83
Nondurable Goods	228.40	229.88	210.42	40.0	40.4	40.7	5.71	5.69	5.17
Food and Kindred Products	267.73	268.52	239.38	40.2	40.5	40.3	6.66	6.63	5.94
Printing and Publishing	264.96	266.38	254.62	41.4	41.3	43.6	6.40	6.45	5.84

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Aug. 1979	July 1979	DISADVANTAGED Aug. 1979	July 1979	NON-WHITE Aug. 1979	July 1979	VETERAN Aug. 1979	July 1979
New Applications	3,973	4,654	1,386	1,917	1,419	2,775	445	436
Testing	261	282	57	50	52	52	17	19
Enrolled in Training	119	98	26	81	27	35	14	2
Nonagricultural Placement	2,301	2,393	1,138	1,309	1,067	991	414	344
Counseling	504	642	287	379	207	253	99	104

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

INDUSTRY	August 1979	July 1979	August 1978	Net Changes From: July 1979 To August 1979	August 1978 To August 1979
TOTAL	351.7	350.9	348.9	+ .8	+2.8
Manufacturing	80.7	80.5	81.9	+ .2	-1.2
Durable Goods	41.0	40.5	41.7	+ .5	- .7
Lumber	1.7	1.6	1.5	+ .1	+ .2
Furniture and Fixtures	3.9	3.9	3.9	0	0
Fabricated Metal Products	6.9	6.8	7.0	+ .1	- .1
Machinery	11.3	11.3	11.1	0	+ .2
Transportation	8.6	8.5	9.2	+ .1	- .6
All Other	8.6	8.4	9.0	+ .2	- .4
Nondurable Goods	39.7	40.0	40.2	- .3	- .5
Food Products	6.8	6.8	6.8	0	0
Textile Mill Products	1.3	1.3	1.4	0	- .1
Apparel	5.4	5.5	5.1	- .1	+ .3
Printing and Publishing	10.2	10.3	10.0	- .1	+ .2
Petroleum and Rubber	4.0	4.2	4.4	- .2	- .4
Leather	4.9	4.7	5.3	+ .2	- .4
All Other	7.1	7.2	7.2	- .1	- .1
Nonmanufacturing	271.0	270.4	267.0	+ .6	+4.0
Construction	22.0	21.8	21.6	+ .2	+ .4
Trans., Comm. & Public Util.	19.6	19.6	19.1	0	+ .5
Trade	80.9	80.6	79.0	+ .3	+1.9
Wholesale	22.2	22.5	22.1	- .3	+ .1
Wholesale Durable Goods	14.7	14.9	14.5	- .2	+ .2
Wholesale Nondurable Gds.	7.5	7.6	7.6	- .1	- .1
Retail	58.7	58.1	56.9	+ .6	+1.8
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	22.7	22.7	21.9	0	+ .8
Service and Miscellaneous	64.6	65.0	64.8	- .4	- .2
Government	61.2	60.7	60.6	+ .5	+ .6
Federal	8.3	8.4	8.9	- .1	- .6
State and Local	52.9	52.3	51.7	+ .6	+1.2

TRI-CITIES SMSA

EMPLOYMENT Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 200 during the period July 1979 to August 1979. Manufacturing increased by 400. Durable goods decreased by 100 while nondurable goods increased by 500 jobs. Nonmanufacturing employment decreased by 200 jobs. The nonmanufacturing losses were concentrated in construction (100) and services (100).

OVER THE YEAR Compared with one year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 2,100 workers. Increased employment in durable goods (up 700) was partially offset by a loss in nondurable goods (down 300) thereby permitting manufacturing a total gain of 400. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,700. Eight industrial segments expanded employment and seven reduced employment during the year. The largest gains occurred in all other durable goods (1,400) and government (1,000). Lumber and wood products and furniture and fixtures lost 600 workers, as did trade.

UNEMPLOYMENT Unemployment as of mid-August was 8,600 or 4.9 percent of a labor force of 176,800, compared with 10,800 or 6.0 percent of a labor force of 178,700 as of mid-July. One year ago unemployment was 7,400 or 4.4 percent of a labor force of 169,300.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

Industry	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Net Change: July 1979	Net Change: Aug. 1978
TOTAL	136.6	136.4	134.5	+ .2	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	55.8	55.4	55.4	+ .4	+ .4
Durable Goods	21.3	21.4	20.6	- .1	+ .7
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	2.1	2.1	2.7	0	- .6
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.1	2.1	2.6	0	- .5
Primary Metals & Fabricated Metal Products	5.8	5.8	5.6	+ .1	+ .4
All Other Durable Goods	11.2	11.4	9.8	- .2	+ 1.4
Nondurable Goods	34.5	34.0	34.8	+ .5	- .3
Food Products	3.8	3.7	4.2	+ .1	- .4
Textile Mill Products	3.1	3.2	3.3	- .1	- .2
Apparel	4.5	4.4	4.7	+ .1	- .2
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	6.4	6.4	6.3	0	+ .1
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.7	16.3	16.3	+ .4	+ .4
Nonmanufacturing	80.8	81.0	79.1	- .2	+ 1.7
Construction	8.4	8.5	7.7	- .1	+ .7
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	5.9	5.9	5.9	0	0
Trade	24.5	24.5	25.1	0	- .6
Wholesale	5.5	5.5	5.5	0	0
Retail	19.0	19.0	19.6	0	- .6
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	4.2	4.2	4.0	0	+ .2
Services	15.9	16.0	15.4	- .1	+ .5
Government	21.6	21.6	20.6	0	+ 1.0
All Other Nonmanufacturing	.3	.3	.4	0	- .1

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

Industry	Tennessee Portion: Aug. 1979	Tennessee Portion: July 1979	Tennessee Portion: Aug. 1978	Virginia Portion: Aug. 1979	Virginia Portion: July 1979	Virginia Portion: Aug. 1978
TOTAL	108.6	108.7	106.8	28.0	27.7	27.7
Manufacturing	46.1	46.0	45.8	9.7	9.4	9.6
Durable Goods	16.3	16.3	15.5	5.0	5.1	5.1
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.5	1.5	1.0	.6	.6	.7
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.8	1.8	1.3	.3	.3	.3
Primary Metals and Fabricated Metal Products	3.8	3.7	3.7	2.1	2.1	1.8
All Other Durable Goods	9.2	9.3	7.5	2.0	2.1	2.3
Nondurable Goods	29.8	29.7	30.3	4.7	4.3	4.5
Food Products	2.1	2.0	2.5	1.7	1.7	1.7
Textile Mill Products	2.9	3.1	3.2	.2	.1	.1
Apparel	2.6	2.8	2.9	1.9	1.6	1.8
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	5.9	5.9	5.8	.5	.5	.5
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.3	15.9	15.9	.4	.4	.4
Nonmanufacturing	62.5	62.7	61.0	18.3	18.3	18.1
Construction	6.7	6.7	6.1	1.7	1.8	1.6
Trans., Comm., & Public Util.	4.9	4.9	4.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
Trade	18.1	18.1	18.8	6.4	6.4	6.3
Wholesale	4.0	4.0	4.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
Retail	14.1	14.1	14.8	4.9	4.9	4.8
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	3.3	3.3	3.1	.9	.9	.9
Services	12.7	12.9	12.4	3.2	3.1	3.0
Government	16.7	16.7	15.5	4.9	4.9	5.1
All Other Nonmanufacturing	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City in Virginia.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	Aug. 1979	July 1979	Aug. 1978	Changes From: July 1979 Net	July 1979 %	Aug. 1978 Net	Aug. 1978 %
Civilian Labor Force	176.8	178.7	169.3	- 1.9	- 1.1	+ 7.5	+ 4.4
Unemployment	8.6	10.8	7.4	- 2.2	-20.4	+ 1.2	+16.2
Percent of Labor Force	4.9	6.0	4.4				
Total Employment	168.2	167.9	161	+ .3	+ .2	+ 6.3	+ 3.9

1/ Includes persons involved in labor-management disputes.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY (In thousands)

	Tennessee Portion: Aug. 1979	Tennessee Portion: July 1979	Tennessee Portion: Aug. 1978	Virginia Portion: Aug. 1979	Virginia Portion: July 1979	Virginia Portion: Aug. 1978
Civilian Labor Force	138.0	139.3	131.6	38.8	39.4	35.7
Unemployment	6.9	8.5	5.7	1.7	2.3	1.7
Percent of Labor Force	5.0	6.1	4.3	4.4	5.8	4.8
Total Employment	131.	130.8	125.9	37.1	37.1	34.0

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Total: Aug. 1979	Total: July 1979	Disadvantaged: Aug. 1979	Disadvantaged: July 1979	Non-White: Aug. 1979	Non-White: July 1979	Veteran: Aug. 1979	Veteran: July 1979
New Applications	1,699	2,320	567	1,087	61	138	229	258
Testing	291	145	75	42	15	12	33	43
Enrolled in Training	8	100	7	96	2	6	2	2
Nonagricultural Placements	775	1,295	384	972	55	136	137	115
Counseling	140	77	91	53	9	3	23	15

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AND URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS
U. S. CITY AVERAGE (1967=100)
AUGUST 1979

Group	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			REVISED URBAN WAGE EARNERS & CLERICAL WORKERS		
	Index August 1979	Percent Change to Aug. 1979 from July 1979	Aug. 1978	Index August 1979	Percent Change to Aug. 1978 from July 1979	Aug. 1978
ALL ITEMS	221.1	1.0	11.8	221.5	1.0	12.0
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	257.1	-	-	257.6	-	-
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	230.2	-0.2	9.6	230.4	-0.2	9.7
HOUSING 1/	231.5	1.4	12.8	231.5	1.4	13.0
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	166.3	1.2	4.2	166.2	1.0	4.1
TRANSPORTATION	219.6	1.4	16.7	220.7	1.3	17.0
MEDICAL CARE	241.8	0.8	9.2	242.6	0.9	9.6
ENTERTAINMENT 1/	190.2	0.6	7.2	188.9	0.2	7.0
OTHER GOODS AND SER. 1/	197.0	0.9	7.1	197.2	1.1	7.0
SPECIAL GROUPS:						
COMMODITIES	212.2	0.8	12.1	212.6	0.8	12.2
SERVICES	237.6	1.2	11.3	237.9	1.2	11.6
PURCHASING POWER OF THE CONSUMER DOLLAR:						
1967-$1.00	$.452	-1.1	-10.7	$.451	-1.1	-10.9
1957-59=$1.00	$.389	-	-	$.388	-	-

1/ Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date

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